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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT WITH TRAVERSE**

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement having a mailing date of February 22, 2006, and pursuant to 35 USC §121, 37 CFR §1.499 and MPEP §818.03(b), Applicants hereby provisionally elect, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group I (Claims 90-106) with regard to the above-captioned patent application.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement since the subject matter of all of claims - is sufficiently related that a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the elected claims would necessarily encompass a thorough and complete search for the subject matter of the non-elected claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. In this case, the process features of taking blood pressure were already searched by the Examiner. It is not believed that their involvement in a workstation or not should affect seriously the results of that search based on the art of record. See MPEP §803 in which it is clearly stated that "[i]f the

the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and improper duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Applicants herein reserve the right to file additional divisional patent application(s) based on the subject matter of the non-elected claims to this additional Restriction Requirement.

The Office communication indicates that the Examiner attempted to contact Applicants' representative, Peter J. Bilinski, on February 20, 2006 regarding an oral election. For the sake of completeness, the undersigned is not aware of any such telephone call being received from the Examiner.

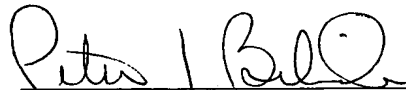
Entry of this response and expedited examination of the elected claims is respectfully requested at this time.

If the Examiner wishes to expedite disposition of the above-captioned patent application, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number below.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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